

DOG RIVER PARK SUBCOMMITTEE
Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Voting Members: Bonnie Kirn Donahue, Russ Barrett, Kim Adams, Fred Nadon, Simon Pearish, Non-voting: Laura Hill-Eubanks

II. Set/Adjust Agenda

Additions

Email from Michelle Braun, Director of the Friends of the Winooski

“Friends of the Winooski River is putting together an application for a Lake Champlain Basin Program Education & Outreach grant to work with a graphic designer to produce informational/interpretive signs for some of our public access sites, as well as to recruit and train volunteers to look after the sites (pick up trash, take note of any maintenance needs, assess streambank stability, etc).”

“The Dog River Park is a site that we would like to continue to monitor and take care of, as well as provide a sign for (with Town input, of course!). We wonder whether the Northfield Conservation Commission would be willing to sign a letter of support for this grant application? The applications are due December 21st.”

III. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes Approved: 5-0-0

IV. Elect Officers

Motion: Bonnie - Chair, Simon - Vice Chair and Clerk, Kim - Treasurer
Moved by Russ, Seconded by Simon
Motion Approved: 5-0-0

V. Discussion

1. Path Maintenance Plan for Spring 2021

Discussed several ideas that should be tied into a comprehensive maintenance plan for the park: path maintenance, meadow mowing. Need to plan a weed control experiment for the hard pack walking paths. Bonnie suggested designated one side of the paths to flame weeding and the other to “homemade” herbicide (solution of salt, detergent, and vinegar following the recommendation of the North Dakota State University Extension Office <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/cpr/weeds/homemade-herbicide-08-28-14>). Simon suggested involving NMHS students in the process to quantify weed growth before and after treatments.

2. Goal Setting/Projects for 2021

Discussed plan for finding a permanent plan to acknowledge the people that donated funds (Class of '57). Russ suggested the inner border of the pavilion roof. Bonnie suggested a rugged piece of sculptural art. It was mentioned that the 10 year anniversary of Hurricane Irene is approaching and it would be timely to put forward something to memorialize the community that was affected.

3. Support for Lake Champlain Basin Program Education & Outreach grant

Motion: This committee gives its blessing for Bonnie and the Conservation Commission to give full support to the Friends of the Winooski River regarding the Lake Champlain Basin Program Education & Outreach grant as stated in Michele Braun's email.

Moved by Simon, Seconded by Kim

Passed: 5-0-0

V. Public Participation (unscheduled)

VI. Adjournment